



“How to Find Forgiveness”

How to Forgive.... Series

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*“See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no **bitter root** grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” Hebrews 12:15*

- A **BITTER ROOT** grows in the **SOIL OF HURT** that’s not dealt with.

*“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving each other**, just as in Christ **God forgave you**.”
Ephesians 4:31-32*

*“Bless those who curse you, **pray** for **those who mistreat you**.” Luke 6:28*

- “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: **love your enemies** and **pray** for those who **persecute you**.”

Matthew 5:43-44

When we’re told to pray for those who’ve hurt us, our prayers are as much for **OURSELVES** as they are for the **OFFENDER!**

- My prayers for others may or may not change them, but my prayers always change **ME**.

*“Forgive as **the Lord forgave you**.” Colossians 3:13*

- God forgives us **COMPLETELY!**
 - That’s how we’re supposed to **FORGIVE OTHERS**.

Jesus prayed while on the cross, “Father, **forgive them**.” Luke 23:34

- Jesus **NEVER ASKS** us to do something that He hasn’t done **FIRST!**